

Test Accommodations for Grade 11 Students

The NECAP states (NH, VT, and RI) are continuing research and development work with Nimble Assessment Systems and Measured Progress to incorporate the use of the accessible computer-based test system (NimbleTools) into the fall 2010 NECAP testing for Grade 11 students in the content areas of Reading and Mathematics. Spring science testing using these online accommodation tools went very well in most places. As schools have stepped forward to try these new online tools, we've learned a great deal that is helping to prepare us all for the future of online assessment. This will be the *third* year that high schools will be using the tool: (NimbleTools was previously used with the spring NECAP science testing in 2009 and 2010).

NimbleTools provides universal access to test content by embedding accessibility and accommodation tools directly into the items as they are presented to students online. Accommodation tools are assigned for each student by his or her teacher based on the needs of the student. NimbleTools was used by over 2600 New England students during the spring 2009 and 2010 NECAP Science Tests. Students who normally receive accommodations during Reading or Mathematics testing will have the opportunity to use NimbleTools to take the fall 2010 Grade 11 NECAP assessments.

If you are interested in allowing students in your school to use Nimble Tools to take the Grade 11 Mathematics or Reading NECAP Assessments, your school technology coordinator and test administrator **MUST** attend a **mandatory training session**. This session will be offered at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Montpelier, VT from 9:00AM-12:00PM on Tuesday, August 31.

Quick Summary on fall use of NimbleTools® Online Accommodations:

- NimbleTools will be available only for high schools (Grade 11) during fall NECAP 2010.
- These online accommodation tools will be available for use with Reading and Mathematics. (The read-aloud tools will be turned off for reading only.)
- Scores will count and will be used to make AYP determinations,
- Superintendent sign-off will be required to acknowledge understanding and acceptance that participating schools and districts will be held accountable for student test scores earned through online delivery.
- Each participating school must meet minimum computer/network system technology requirements.
- Schools must move students to paper-based format at the first sign of computer difficulty.
- A required workshop will be provided on August 31, 2010 at Capitol Plaza Hotel (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
- To register to attend this training session, visit:
<http://iregister.measuredprogress.org/sessionlist.asp?contractID=32>